

of the cliffs and the walls of the principal caves; above rests a ledge of amorphous basalt, of varying thickness, and curiously tessellated with angular blocks and the capitals of columns. The surface is in some places bare, but mostly clothed with a rich, grassy, and odoriferous sward. The objects for which the island is generally visited by tourists are four in number, and are found on its eastern coast:—The Scallop, or Clamshell Cave; the Buachaille, or Herdsman; the Great Colonnade and Causeway; and Fingal's, or the Great Cave.

The *Scallop*, or *Clamshell Cave*, measures 30 feet in height and 17 feet in width at the entrance, but gradually contracts as it approaches its interior termination. On one side runs a range of regular columns, curved so as to resemble the ribs of a ship; on the other, the columns assume a mural appearance, with “a general resemblance to the surface of a honeycomb.”

The *Buachaille*, or *Herdsman*, is a conical-shaped islet, only a few paces from the main shore, and about 30 feet in height. It rests on a basis of curved horizontal columns, visible only at low water, and consists of a mass of small but closely compacted pillars, which seem to have been piled by a giant's hand against a central nucleus, like lances against a military trophy. The general outline is harmoniously symmetrical and exquisitely beautiful.

On the main coast, a short distance beyond the Herdsman, rises the pillared range of the *Great Colonnade*, with an average elevation of 36 feet; but diminishing in some places to three, and in others soaring to 56 feet. The columns are about two feet in diameter, and of various shapes; trigonal, quadrilateral, pentagonal, and hexagonal; but are all set together in marvellous order. At the base of this wonderful Colonnade, and inclining from it towards the sea, runs the Great Causeway; consisting of the tops of extensive series of columns, which in the course of centuries have been swept away by the storm-driven billows of the Atlantic.

*Fingal's*, or the *Great Cave*, opens beyond a rounded cliff at the